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## AN ELECTION MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT

*Shall the People Govern Themselves? Or Shall Those Who Can Only Live and Progress Through Co-operation Allow Themselves to Be Divided Into Warring Parties?*

"We are convinced that the ideas which we stand for, and which we have on the whole tried to carry out, are essential to the peaceful progress and happiness of humanity . . . . With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."

These words, spoken by one of the world's true patriots, Abraham Lincoln, are, it seems to me, peculiarly applicable to the U. F. A. movement as a whole at this time, when we are called upon once again to implement the principles we enunciate by action—Independent democratic political action. The question is, shall we weaken, and slack off? Are we weary of the struggle? or shall we manfully, openly and without fear, firm in the right, "strive on?"

And we must not weaken! Surely the result of the action taken in 1921, and again in 1923, justify us in that action. Slowly perhaps, but surely, we gain ground; and today it is our great privilege and our bounden duty to strike a blow for freedom. Freedom from an enthrallment, freedom from a servitude that has in the past dwarfed our intellect, numbed

our conscience and deprived us of the power of action.

But today, through the educational development of our Organi-



H. E. G. H. SCHOLEFIELD  
Acting President

zation, we have gained mass intelligence, and a sense of social responsibility for economic and political policy. Though we have a democratic form of government, we are learning that it is incumbent upon all the people, men and

women, to prepare themselves for some democratic responsibility. We must work out our own salvation. And so, those to whom we have in the past delegated our rights, privileges, prerogatives and duties, innocently believing that they would use them for our good, for the good of all, are today violently, relentlessly and unscrupulously fighting to retain a power that they see slipping from them back to its rightful owners.

The issue before us is not the so-called "constitutional issue", nor is it the "scandal issue". The issue with us is, shall the people govern themselves, and shall a system which exists by dividing us with two warring parties, be allowed to continue in a civilization composed of industrial units which can only live and progress by co-operation with one another.

A little heaven, you-know, heaven the whole, and in Alberta, the land in whose future our hopes are bound up, we have started something, destined to heaven the whole. In after years Albertans will be proud of the action taken—if—if we stand true today without deviating from our principles.

H. E. G. H. SCHOLEFIELD  
Crossfield, Sept. 24th.

### Speakman to Address Series of Meetings

*Sufficiently Recovered From Illness to Take Part in Final Stages Election Activities*

Although Mr. Speakman has not been able to take an active part in his campaign, his strength is improving and he will be able to address a series of meetings in Penhold on the 7th, Inisfail 10th, Oils 9th, Didsbury 10th, and Red Deer 10th.

N. A. Smith, M.L.A., Hon. Mrs. Parley, Donald Cameron, M.L.A., and Mr. Scholefield, Vice-President of the U. F. A., are helping with the campaign.

The list of meetings still to be held in the Red Deer Federal riding is as follows:

Red Deer—Sept. 13—A. Speakman.  
Penhold—Sept. 7—A. Speakman.  
Inisfail—Sept. 11—A. Speakman.  
Oils—Sept. 9—A. Speakman.  
Didsbury—Sept. 10—A. Speakman.  
Penhold—Sept. 7—A. B. Claypool.  
Big Bend—Sept. 8—N. E. Smith, M. L.A.

Rocky Mtn. House and Leducville—Herbert Meeres and others.

J. E. C. OLDFORD, Secretary.

### LACOMBE ELECTION EXPENSES \$118.66

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### William Irvine at Leduc Meeting

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

On Thursday, August 28th, the Leduc U. F. W. A. Local held a most successful rally, at which the Millet Local was their guest. The program consisted of community songs and speeches. The speakers were, Mrs. F. E. Wyman, Baby tree, first vice-president U. F. W. A.; Mrs. D. J. Christie, U. F. W. A. director, Strathcona; Mrs. W. Ross, Millet; and Wm. Irvine, U. F. A. candidate for the Wetaskiwin Federal Constituency. Rev. Mr. Eakin of Leduc very ably filled the chair. At the close a delectable lunch was served by the Local.

From Leduc U. F. W. A.

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EDITORIAL

BRING OUT THE VOTE AT ALL COSTS

By the time this issue of "The U. F. A." comes into the hands of our readers, the election activities which precede polling day will be practically over.

The invasion of the rural parts of Alberta by the emissaries of one political party or the other, intent upon persuading the farmers that they are incapable of carrying on their own political affairs in their own way, will, no doubt, continue up to election day. Judging by the campaign literature which we have received at this office and by the false statements which are being assiduously circulated, at least in certain constituencies, in the hope of weakening our movement, the appeals to bigotry, intolerance and credulity will continue to be made by word of mouth or in printed statement, with that disregard for decency and fair play which have characterized such contests in the past.

Against the campaign of false utterances we believe the farmers of Alberta are today almost immune. This was shown in the Provincial general election last summer. Since then the membership of the Association has continued to increase. The resolution of the farmers to take charge of their own political affairs has not been shaken. We believe that they have never been firmer than they are today in their will to resist every reactionary and every low appeal.

But conviction of the soundness of our principles

will not alone ensure the success of our candidates on September 14th. Unless the rural electorate is willing at all costs to turn out on election day, in maximum strength, conviction will avail nothing.

The Government of the day has brought on the election at the one time in the year when it is more difficult than any other for farmers to leave their work. Unless, however, this difficulty be overcome, one of the most important activities of our movement may be endangered. Every vote counts. No member of the Association who is entitled to vote can afford to miss the opportunity to do so, and to urge his neighbors to go to the polls.

If it is the testing time, next Tuesday, the farmers and farm women are determined to assert their citizenship, we believe that the U. F. A. group will be returned to Ottawa in increased strength; the political parties which are making the fourth attempt in five years to destroy the most hopeful, because the most democratically organized farmers' movement on this continent, will eventually abandon the enterprise as hopeless, and the future of the U.F.A. as the pioneer of co-operation in political affairs, will be assured.

The Alberta farmers, for the most part, have already resolved that they will not divide their ranks. If the forces they lead advance in full strength on September 14th, the future is assured.

In Athabasca the electors have the opportunity to wipe out, by their votes on September 14th, the greatest blot on the public life of this Province. While reports are meagre, it is evident that Mr. Kesteven is making very great headway. The report of the Commission which has been investigating the cases of wholesale and shameless ballot stuffing and worse, has not yet been delivered, and until it is presented it is impossible to comment in adequate terms upon the evidence. But the public has already formed its own conclusions.

Both in Athabasca and in Peace River, which was also disgraced by the criminal acts of persons in charge of the electoral machinery, we believe that the electors will pronounce themselves in an unmistakable manner for clean electoral methods, by returning the U. F. A. candidates.

No member of the House rendered greater service to his country last session than Donald M. Kennedy, the candidate for Peace River. Mr. Kennedy was the member who with great ability and courage, served as the U. F. A. representative at the Customs Inquiry.

In no constituency in the Province, so far as our reports show, are the principles of British fair play and truthfulness in political discussion being more ruthlessly sacrificed than in Bow River, by Mr. Garfield's opponent who is running under the patronage of the Conservatives, and in Wetaskiwin, by S. G. Tobin, the Liberal candidate. We have received a copy of a manifesto issued in behalf of Mr. Tobin (and obviously with his approval, since it has not been contradicted), which denigrates the public man who has accepted its use. Mr. Tobin's pamphlet contains a cheap and venomous attack upon William Irvine, whose great gifts and devotion to the principles of our movement and valuable work at Ottawa have won him the high esteem of the members of this Association. Mr. Tobin sacrifices truth to party expediency.

# Wanted - Some Independent Thinking

Why the Man Who Accepts His Opinions From the Syndicated Press Is Sure to Go Wrong in the Federal General Election — And Why Those Who Have Learned the Lesson of the Struggles of the Farming People of Past Years Will Brush Aside Casting, Destructive Criticism of Their Leaders, But Demand Courage, and Unity of Thought and Action

By RUTH DICKINSON, Winborne

A U. F. A. group at Ottawa! Inconceivable! A narrow class-conscious group in the Federal House! Impossible! A repetition of last year's situation! Never! Never!! Never!!!

Under some such captions do the widely distributed newspapers, with party affiliations, write up their pre-election propaganda. By such means do they arrest the attention of the man-in-the-street who dislikes to do his own thinking, and who usually swallows their deliberately fabricated opinions — as gospel.

How tastefully their carefully prepared menu is arranged in brightly written, easily read, half-column articles! And the delectable red herring is always dished up with the rest. This year the Customs scandal fills the fishy part of the bill-of-fare and if, after the election, any man (or woman), who has been duped into dining on red herrings alone, complains that he is "not fed but swindled with wind", where will the blame lie?

## WHERE THE BLAME WILL LIE

It will lie mostly in his own lazy credulity, in his inability to do a little independent thinking, in his selfish indifference to social and economic inequalities. And the irony of the situation is that the man who accepts the opinions of the syndicated press uncritically, and repeats them as his own, has the vanity to consider himself "Public Opinion", when in reality he is the dupe, the tool, and the mainstay of a system well past the zenith of its power, a system that is ceasing to function in present-day conditions. His name is legion, and he is found in every walk of life. A fine fellow, a good husband and father, a conventionally religious man he may be, but he is selfish and worldly at the core, for his support is given to a system that guards (as he thinks) the sacred rights of property, and his private possessions, be they big or small, stand between him and the ideal of the sacred rights of men.

You know him. You have met him. He forms the inert mass of humanity that can only be ruffled by surface movements, and he is the great hindrance to the world's progress. From him, and him only, do the old parties receive their support, and the tone of the popular press appeals reflect his mentality. Leave him steeped in his own self-sufficiency. For him this article has no appeal.

But for thinking men a close study of the foregoing captions will be illuminating.

## WHY U. F. A. GROUP IS "INCONCEIVABLE" TO DAILIES

First: There is the inconceivability of a U. F. A. group at Ottawa. According to the dailies this is a thing not to be thought of, not even imagined. And why? Because the U. F. A. group made things uncomfortable for the old line parties, because they exposed the Customs

scandal and are beginning to expose the futility of the present party system of apparent democratic government; and because among the U. F. A. group there are men of principle and courage, students of sociology and economics, eager to grapple with present-day problems, men who are keen debaters and persistent fighters, not puppets who have learnt the lesson of party politics by heart.

Surely a sufficient reason for the S.O.S. from both decadent parties which, when freely paraphrased means: "Right or wrong, keep us in or we die", but both Liberal and Conservative are careful not to add: "Turn us out and you begin to live."

## CRY SHOULD BE LOST IN DERISIVE LAUGHTER

Now take the second caption: The impossibility of having a narrow class-conscious group again in the Federal House. How glibly the mouth-pieces of the highly centralized financial and industrial concerns talk of the impossibility of having a narrow class-conscious group in the Federal House! Entirely ignoring the fact that the farmers and workers are the overwhelming majority of the nation; they turn the searchlight on their few (much too few) representatives and have the effrontery to call them a narrow class-conscious group. But for the tragic credulity of the man-in-the-street their cry would be lost in derisive laughter, for no group has ever yet been in power at Ottawa but an ultra-small, ultra-powerful, ultra-class-conscious group, be it called either Liberal or Conservative.

The third caption needs little comment. Both old line parties naturally demand that the key situation shall never be in the hands of a minority whose ideals are not the sacred rights of financial and industrial corporations, but the sacred rights of men.

Now comes the analysis of the U.F.A. movement in Federal politics.

## WILL STAND UNFETTERED IN PARLIAMENT

Since the breaking up of the Progressive party the U. F. A. group will stand unfettered in the House. It will be a compact group founded on definite principles; a group with unity of thought, and unity of action; a group that will co-operate with other democratically controlled groups, but which will merge with neither of the old parties.

Its main purpose will be to carry the torch of progress right into the stronghold of reaction. That is one of the tasks which lie before the elected representatives of the U. F. A. and the responsibility of the rank and file (you and me) is to see that able men with a singleness of purpose get there.

## NOT FOR MATERIAL BENEFITS ALONE

The U. F. A. movement is not out for material benefits alone. Its sole aim is

not to establish modern homes with electricity and running water on the farm. It is a spiritual movement, the flower of oppression, and it arises through the struggle for a voice in the affairs of the nation to attain the sacred rights of our children, their natural heritage. It also aims to build in Western Canada a co-operative commonwealth whose citizens will exploit her vast natural resources for the benefit of coming generations, not for the benefit of soulless, dividend-paying, highly-centralized, privately controlled corporations.

It is not the movement of a backward people. On the prairie there are people of many nationalities. Some of these people, and not those of one or two nationalities alone, are well-educated with cultured homes, and are able to do some independent thinking. These people have lived through, and borne the brunt of the recent period of deflation, and they understand that it was deliberately planned by a small international financial clique, who wield their power through centrally controlled political parties, to preserve their control of the world's wealth.

These people who have thrown in their lot with the U. F. A. and similar movements, are imbued with a spirit that brushes aside all casting, destructive criticism of its leaders as useless, but which demands of them, courage, unity of thought, and unity of action. With Ruskin it condemns "those who hold that men can be saved by thinking rightly, instead of doing rightly, by word instead of act, by wish instead of work."

## WILL PAY PRIZES

The usual honoraria for grand championships and first prizes won by Alberta exhibitors at the Chicago International Exhibition will be paid this year by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. The honorarium for a grand championship is \$150, and for a first prize is \$100, in the International Hay and Grain Show. The exhibits from Alberta for this show will be collected by the Department at Edmonton at the Government Seed Cleaning Plant, and the Department will pay the freight or express on these exhibits from Edmonton to Chicago and return, and will arrange to put the exhibits in place. The special prizes offered by the Department are for threshed grain, grass seed, clover seeds, baled hay, alfalfa, corn on the cob, etc. Premium lists for the show can be obtained from the Field Crops Branch of the Department at Edmonton.

## WHAT IS WANTED

Speaking of the Athabasca election scandal, the Western Producer says: "What is really required is the removal of the jobs to be handed out at election time from the hands and the influence of the 'honest' party workers."

# Value of Strong Driving Force in Parliament, Such as U. F. A. Group Supplies, Proved by Experience of Last Session at Ottawa

George G. Coote, in High River Speech, Shows That With Farmers Holding Balance of Power, the Program of Progressive Legislation in 1926 Was the Best in the History of the Canadian Parliament—Business of Session Would Have Been Completed if Prime Minister Had Been Under Obligation to Obtain the Sanction of a Majority of the House Before Dissolving Parliament

We print on this page a number of selections from a verbatim report of a speech delivered by George G. Coote, the U. F. A. candidate in Macleod, at High River.

In this speech Mr. Coote clearly showed that the legislation introduced by virtue of the Farmer and Labor groups holding the balance of power, was of a progressive character, unparalleled in any previous session. He showed also that when the nature of the Customs scandal was revealed, the U. F. A. members could not as honest representatives, attempt to "whitewash" any sine of the administration, and that the only thing to do was to stand by Mr. Kennedy.

After the resignation of Mr. King, Mr. Coote points out, Premier Meighen, if he had honestly desired to complete the business of the session, could readily have done so. He chose, rather, to follow a course which made the completion of the business of the session by the passing of the legislation which had not gone through its final stages, utterly impossible. If the U. F. A. members had voted against the Robb motion on grounds of expediency and thus saved the Conservatives from defeat, they would have been no nearer the passing of the legislation because the Liberals, once out of office, were prepared to block all business in the House of Commons, using exactly the same methods as the Conservatives had followed in opposition.

Mr. Meighen, declares Mr. Coote, had no need to dissolve Parliament, and no moral right to do so. He should have met Parliament and asked for an adjournment in order to allow his Cabinet to be elected.

Finally, Mr. Coote shows that if the resolution of the Calgary U. F. A. Conference, to the effect that no Prime Minister should be allowed to ask for dissolution without the consent of a majority of the House, had been in effect, the business of the session would have been finished, and the legislation which Mr. Meighen sacrificed could have been saved.

Extracts from Mr. Coote's speech follow:

## VALUE OF STRONG DRIVING FORCE

The results of the session show that what the Government at Ottawa needs is some strong driving force behind it, and our group supplied that driving force. I do not think there has been a session of the House of Commons for many years that can show legislation of equal value to that passed at the last session of Parliament. Why some of these bills did not become law is another story and I will deal with that in a few minutes, but may I say now that the responsibility rests upon Mr. Meighen and not on us?

## SOME RESULTS OF CO-OPERATION

First, one of the most satisfactory budgets which has been brought down in years. I think our group can be given credit for forcing a reduction of the duty on automobiles. This I believe to be one of the most popular moves which any Government has made for many years.

Second, a long-term Farm Loans bill. We insisted on having a bill which would be effective in taking care of the long-term credit needs of the farmers and reducing the rate of interest. The bill, though not exactly what we wanted, was nevertheless a very fair attempt to meet the need and probably as good as could be gotten through the Senate.

Third, the Campbell Grain bill, which aimed to give the farmer the right to designate the terminal elevator to which

his grain should be shipped. This bill received practically the unanimous support of the Liberals and a majority of the Conservatives on the Agricultural Committee. It passed the Commons without division, but was held up in the Senate.

Fourth, an Old Age Pensions bill, which the Government a year before declared it could not introduce. This bill went through the House of Commons without a division, but it was afterwards killed in the Senate.

Fifth, a bill for the revaluation of soldier settlers' lands. The Government had declared a year previously that this would cost the country too much money, and they could not put it through, but this session this bill went through the House of Commons without division.

## HAD NOT PROMISED TO "COVER UP" GOVERNMENT

As I saw it, there was only one thing for us to do, that was to stand by Mr. Kennedy in the matter of the Customs report. One of the reasons why we took political action was, to use a familiar expression, "to clean up politics." This could not be done by whitewashing the Government. We had promised to co-operate with the Liberals in putting through a legislative program, but we had not promised to whitewash any sine of administration of which they might be found guilty. Had there been no independent group in the House it is doubtful if any special committee would

have been appointed. There would have been no censure of the Government, and probably very little clean up of the Customs Department. In the past such things have often been covered up by party majority. I believe it was owing to Mr. Kennedy's presence on the committee that the Duncan report was published and that all persons and papers asked for by any member of the committee were produced.

## BIG DISTILLERY CONTRIBUTING TO BOTH PARTIES

There was the fact brought out by the committee which neither Mr. Meighen nor Mr. King is likely to mention: that is, that

one of the biggest distilleries in Canada was contributing to the campaign funds of both parties, and I would ask you to remember that the export of liquor to the United States is chiefly responsible for this smuggling business.

All through the session a continual fight to defeat the Government was waged by the Conservative opposition. There were more want-of-confidence motions brought forward and more recorded votes than at any session I have attended. They were all moved for the one purpose of defeating the Government or embarrassing us. I will mention only one of them, known in Parliament as the "Butter Amendment", introduced by Donald Sutherland. It was supposed to refer to the Australian Treaty, though it did not mention it specifically. That, I suppose, was because Dr. Stanen, a member of the present Government, and other prominent Conservatives, had voted for it. We were asked to defeat the Government on the ground that this Treaty was ruining the dairy industry. But what were the actual facts? On the day of the vote on this amendment I received a cream price list from a friend of mine in High River on which he had written a note to the effect that he believed this was the highest price paid for cream since the year 1921, and I found on inquiry from the Department at Ottawa that the price was higher than at any time since the year 1922. We took, I think, about two weeks discussing this Butter Amendment which shows how the time of Parliament is wasted. In contrast with this, one of the most important bills of the session, the long-term Farm Loans Bill, passed the House of Commons in one day. This certainly shows the necessity of a change in the present system which is carried on at Ottawa. If this amendment had carried it would have meant the defeat of the Government, but would not have affected the Australian Treaty in any way.

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# SHALL WE LOSE TWENTY YEAR'S LABOR BY HALF A DAY'S NEGLECT?

By BERT HUFFMAN

For almost twenty years the educational work of the U. F. A. has been carried on in this Province. The very best and most conscientious thought of the farmers of this Province have been given to the subject of civil government.

Through that twenty years of earnest thought we have evolved a practical plan by which it has been demonstrated beyond a doubt in Alberta, that civil government can be made to serve the whole people, and not the politicians. Our achievements in this Province are outstanding, emphatic, tangible. We have accomplished a large part of the dream of our pioneer organizers.

## SUCCESS NATIONAL IN IMPORTANCE

Our success is not only Provincial in importance, but it is national. The same sincere devotion to honest government in this Dominion which the U. F. A. has employed in Provincial affairs will bring the same satisfactory results, on a larger scale.

We stand before the ballot box again this autumn. We are called upon to again express our faith in our principles by a vote. We are challenged by the politicians to say whether we actually believe what we profess to believe, or whether we are "playing to the galleries."

The political tricksters at Ottawa fixed the date of this election in the very midst of our Western harvest season, with the premeditated aim of reducing the U. F. A. vote, through the stress of harvest work on election day.

The pathway of the farmer is beset with difficulties and problems, always. As I write these lines on September 2nd, my three binders are standing idle in the wheat, drenched with three days' rain, with only one-third of 200 acres cut and stacked. My crew of nine men is idle, waiting for the rain to cease, and in the meantime my expenses of harvesting are mounting. It is just an example of the cruel difficulties which beset the farmer. But I do not despair. I know it will soon clear away and my three binders will travel all the more lustily for the delay.

## MUST MEET POLITICIANS' CHALLENGE WITHOUT WHIMPER

And even though the politicians fixed our election day in the midst of our busiest season, we must meet it without a whimper. If we stop every binder and every thrashing machine in Alberta for a half day, we must get out our U. F. A. vote. We must not lose the fruits of twenty years' earnest labor, through a half day's neglect of duty. We must

not let our program of good government go by default, through an hour's anxiety over our harvest work.

That artificial difficulty imposed upon us by the political trickster who set the election date in the midst of harvest will pass away, just as the slight natural difficulty resulting from the autumn rains, will pass. The sun will shine out clear and glorious, and harvest will proceed and the returns will come in, in spite of the temporary clouds.

Whatever you do, get out and vote. Don't flinch at the hour of trial. The



BERT HUFFMAN

enemy is using every known means to defeat our candidates. No trick nor trap known to old party politics is being left out this election. Every subterfuge, every hypocrisy, every prejudice, every passion, every lie which the enemy can use to our detriment, he is using in this election.

## MUST STOP THE VERY EARTH

Therefore we must get out the U. F. A. vote. We must stop the binder, stop the thrashing machines, stop the stackers, stop the very earth, this fall, in order to elect our U. F. A. candidates.

The enemy is determined to break into our ranks. Our representatives have

been fearless, capable, independent, honest in their work at Ottawa. The old parties cannot bribe, bully nor buy them; therefore they have determined to defeat them at the polls by any means, fair or foul.

So let us be on alert, keen and determined as the enemy. Let us see to it that in this crucial election in the Dominion, we go en masse to the polls in a rebuke to the continued political horse-play, trickery and tumultuous impotence of the autocratic leaders who are dictating our downfall.

Get out the U. F. A. vote at any cost. Let us check our twenty years of educational work by a straight, red-hot, winning ballot for U. F. A. principles.

London, September 2nd, 1925.

## See That Polls Are Well Manned and Voters Get to Polls

Red Deer Secretary Issues Appeal to Membership Throughout Constituency

To all Members of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. in Red Deer Federal Constituency!

Owing to the impossible condition of the roads it will be impossible to hold meetings at all the points in the Red Deer Federal riding which the Executive had arranged.

I am therefore asking you to do all in your power through your Local organization to see that our supporters go to the polls 100 per cent. strong.

It is also important to see that the polls are well manned on election day.

The Directors for the various districts are as below: C. E. Stann, Alx; D. Thomson, Dalburne; J. J. Miller, Hurley; D. Irwin, Didsbury; J. G. McCulloch, Ghost Pine Creek; E. Patterson, Red Deer; T. Sturgeson, Pinhook; A. Fletcher, Mound; P. C. Hepburn, Elbow.

Only 45 per cent. of the total first vote was polled in the Red Deer Federal riding in the 1925 election. I would urge upon you the necessity of getting every U. F. A. voter to the polls.

Yours truly,

J. E. C. OLDFORD,

Secretary

P.S.—Be sure and tell the people to mark their ballots with an X.

**HEAVY YIELD WINTER WHEAT**  
A yield of 52 bushels an acre of winter wheat was obtained on the farm of E. Atkinson, near Barons, in Southern Alberta, during the past week.

## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN POLAND

About 14,000 co-operative societies are operating in Poland. During 1925 new societies registered numbered 1,086.

Mark your ballot with an X. No other mark will spoil it.

# Medicine Hat Executive Makes a Strong Appeal for Support of Carl Axelson

**Candidate Worthy of Loyalty and Support—Keen and Active Worker for U.F.A. Principles—Letters Enclosing Contributions to Fund Raising Spirit of Sacrifice**

To all U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Members in the Medicine Hat Federal Constituency.

Dear United Farm People: In view of the Federal election coming in one of the busiest seasons in farm life, and limited time for campaign work, it is a physical impossibility for our candidate to reach all points. I am therefore taking this opportunity in asking the members of our organization for their co-operation and support in assisting in the work on September 14th.

## SHOULD BE NO QUESTION

There should be no question in our mind as to "whom shall we vote for?" No matter how much we may respect the candidates of the old line parties, we cannot vote for them conscientiously

is not enough to go to vote for our candidate, we must do our part financially as well.

Again: "Dear Mrs. Baker, please find enclosed balance of my bank account, to be applied as my donation to the campaign fund. Wishing Carl every luck in the campaign, and in view of his place in entering a campaign faced with such difficulties, I am subscribing this donation."

In a recent conversation Mr. Axelson reported that the meetings have been very well attended, and interest good.

Let all members of each Local in every district do their utmost to get the voters to the polls, no matter how enthusiastic we may be at home or in the Local it is really the vote or mark (X) on the ballot which counts.

Study carefully the important provisions as outlined in "The U. F. A.", August 26th.

Again, I appeal to the members in our constituency to be loyal to our principles, and vote for our candidate, Carl Axelson, on September 14th.

Yours sincerely,

WINIFRED G. BAKER,

Secretary and U. F. W. A. Director,  
Medicine Hat Federal Constituency U. F. A. Association.



C. H. AXELSON

U. F. A. Candidate for Medicine Hat  
(The photograph of Mr. Axelson was received after the feature on pages 2 and 3 had gone to press.)

without condemning the principles for which we stand.

In Mr. Axelson, we have a candidate endowed with unusual ability, one who has always taken a keen and active interest in all matters pertaining to the Farmers' economic conditions and upholding the U. F. A. principles, and he is worthy of our loyalty and support.

## SOME STRIKING LETTERS

Following are extracts from some of the letters received, with contributions: "Dear Madam, please find enclosed ten (\$10) dollars as a personal contribution to the campaign fund. In Mr. Axelson we have a wide-awake man who will always fight for the farmers' rights. It

On no class of people will the coming election on September 14th fall with heavier weight than on the farm people of the province.

## NEVER SO CLEARLY DEFINED A CHALLENGE

Purely because of the exigencies of party warfare, and in furtherance of party objectives, a Federal election has been set at a time when farm men and women are concentrating every energy on the work of home and field. Never before has so clearly defined a challenge been placed before the membership of the U. F. A. Never before has an organization had such an opportunity of demonstrating in no uncertain manner the mind and temper of our people.

Last fall with our membership at lowest ebb, a sufficient number of loyal supporters rallied to the U. F. A. standard to send a worthy quota of representatives to Ottawa. By the time of the Provincial election in June the spirit of idealism flamed like a beacon and carried to the widest confines of political thought the fact that neither spe-

## WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE?

Any person who is a British subject and is 21 years of age is entitled to vote in the Federal election on September 14th, provided he or she has "ordinarily resided" in Canada for the year preceding July 26th, 1935, and has resided continuously in the electoral district in which he or she wishes to vote since May 20. For exceptions see "The U.F.A." August 26.

## A GOOD U. F. A. MAN (?)

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

At the Bow River Convention held in Calgary recently, A. C. Scratch stated, I believe, that he had been a good U. F. A. man for thirteen years and was just as good a U. F. A. man as anyone. Yet last night in Strathmore, in reply to a question as to "where he stood on the proposed export duty on wheat", he replied, "I never heard of it."

Also, at Calgary, he stated, "I expect to have the opportunity of addressing a meeting where the audience is not so 'bissed', etc."

Yet last night he stated, "I never intended to allow my name to go before the meeting at Gleichen. I was home on my place in my overalls when two friends drove in and said, 'Scratch, we are going to Gleichen to place your name before the Convention.' I stated 'If you are I am going along to object'."

Yours faithfully,

HARVEY HANSON,

U. F. A. Director, Bow River,  
Nanaka, Alta., Sept. 1st.

# Let Us Give Notice on Sept. 14th That No Party Politician Shall Ever Again Dare to Call Harvest Election

Even if the Harvest Work Must Be Suspended for the Time Necessary to Bring Out the Rural Vote, It Will Be Worth Our While—Let It Be Known That Never Again Will the Attitude of Rural People in Regard to Their Own Control of Their Own Affairs Be a Matter Even of Speculation

By Mrs. E. R. GUNN

cious arguments nor grandiloquent promises could sway a thoroughly organized and alert electorate.

## ONE FURTHER TEST REQUIRED

One further test is yet required of our people. Can we hope that in the midst of harvest threshing machines will be manned to permit every vote to be polled? Is it too much to expect that the whirly of the binder will be stilled for the necessary time to go to the nearest poll? Will the dynamic energy and resourcefulness of a pioneer people rise above the inconveniences and difficulties, and if necessary sacrifices required, and poll such a rural vote that no party politicians will ever again presume to interfere with the sacred duties of seed-time or harvest; such a rural vote that never again will the attitude of the rural people of Alberta be a matter of speculation in the minds of those desperately endeavoring to retain an obsolete system of government?

Today the great plan that is being  
(Continued on page 18)

# People of Canada Have Been Deluded and Defrauded of Their Rights and Powers Through the Two-Party System

By Supporting Either Liberals or Conservatives in Federal General Election, Farmers Would Be Voting for Destruction of Their Own Rights as Citizens—The History of the Development of Political Forces in Canada

By CARL AXELSON, U.F.A. Candidate, Medicine Hat

There still is much misunderstanding and confusion as to the reason why the U. F. A. has as its organized body entered active politics with the view of building a better system.

## SHOULD REST ON ECONOMIC BASIS

The U. F. A. contends, and as a U. F. A. candidate for Medicine Hat district I uphold the idea, that "all political organization should rest upon an economic rather than a party basis." Political organization should be built by and of the people themselves. Instead of competition between the Liberals and the Conservatives who in reality only represent the interest of the plutocratic classes who during election times stage sham-battles to deceive the people, we must endeavor to substitute co-operation amongst all agricultural and industrial groups, with the object of securing justice for all who by brain or brawn perform useful work.

That such reorganization of Canada's political life and forces is absolutely needed will become clearly apparent by briefly reviewing the history of this country.

## ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH FEUDALISM IN CANADA

The earliest records of Canada deal with the fur trade, conducted by French and English companies. The explorers in this trade soon discovered that Canada, in addition to fur bearing animals, had vast tracts of arable land and other natural resources. The fur-traders reported these facts to their respective countries. As a result of these reports both England and France became interested in colonizing these newly discovered territories. As feudalism, which was based on the ownership of land, was then the leading political institution in Europe, attempts were made to establish feudalism in Canada. Big tracts of land were granted by both the French and the English Governments to the fur explorers and their friends. These concessions, however, did not have any intention of starting to farm, but instead, as soon as they secured possession, they started immigration schemes with the object of settling the land thus secured on a rental basis, and then and there as far as Canada is concerned, began the art of farming the farmers and exploiting the workers. It has continued from that day until this, and is going stronger now than ever before.

## FEUDALISM GIVES PLACE TO DEMOCRATIC FORM

About this time, or a little later, a great political change took place in France. Feudalism was ended and a democratic form of government established. This new idea of government

soon spread to America, and there a republic was formed. Even into Canada did this idea of government of the people, by the people, for the people, penetrate. A government embodying these principles was established. True, at first, the right of franchise was based on property ownership. Yet, nevertheless, this was the beginning of Canada's democratic political institutions.

But the high ideals of a democratic government were soon side-tracked by lesser methods. Owing to the rapid increase of wealth in the hands of those who had secured vast tracts of land, and through this the development of other industrial and commercial enterprises, they, because of this also became deeply interested in politics. The early representatives in the legislative bodies of Canada soon forgot that they were to legislate in the interest of the people, and instead became interested in promoting their own interests or the interest of those who were in position to pay well for their services. Thus there developed that corruption in the political life of Canada which has continued ever since.

## THE UNITED FRONT OF POLITICIANS

That Canada as a nation has had at the helm of state an overwhelming supply of politicians must be apparent to all. That period which in Canada's history is described "the family compact", presents irrefutable proof of this fact. In plain terms, one may justly describe this period as controlled by the "politicians' union", because by sticking together the politicians secured for themselves or their friends vast concessions of money, land, timber, minerals, as well as charters to build railroads, and to establish banks, and coin and print money. These concessions that they at that time voted themselves have now developed into monopolies to which the people of Canada are forced to pay tribute. These monopolies are based on

political stools that now have a stranglehold on this nation. Therefore, the issue that should be decided at this election or in the near future is: "Monopoly rights vs. human rights."

## WHY CANADIANS HAVE LOST THEIR RIGHTS

The reason that the people of Canada have lost their political rights and power is due to the fact that they have been content to support the two-party system. It is through the two-party system that the people have been deluded and defrauded. And worst of all, even yet, with all this adverse experience, there is still a large number of farmers, yes, even U. F. A. members, that line up with either Liberals or Conservatives. They cannot see that the present election is called for the purpose of getting rid of the aggressive representatives, whether U. F. A., Progressive, Labor or what other names they may be known by. By supporting either Liberal or Conservative candidates, farmers or workers are helping the plutocrats to destroy their own political rights and power.

## WHY NOT A UNITED FRONT OF PRODUCERS?

As farmers we represent 52 per cent. of the population. Labor is a strong and sympathetic ally. Both of us are exploited by the same interest. Therefore, let us in the forthcoming election present a "united front" of all producers against our common opponents. Fellow-farmers and workers, support the Farmer and Labor candidates, and in the Medicine Hat district work and vote for the U. F. A. candidate. All together mark your ballot X for Carl Axelson. Unite in doing this and we will be sure to win.

## MANY THANKS

"The U. F. A." desires to thank those who kindly sent into this office copies of the June 17th issue, in response to our request a few weeks ago.

## LABOR BACKS U. F. A. CANDIDATE IN MEDICINE HAT

At a largely attended meeting of the Dominion Labor party of Medicine Hat, held on August 28th, 1924, the following resolution was adopted and passed by a unanimous vote:

Whereas, in view of the co-operation of the U. F. A. members, with the Labor members, in the late Parliament, and the good work accomplished by such co-operation, and,

Whereas, we believe, that the stability of future Governments depends upon the co-operation of the different classes, represented in the Government;

Therefore be it resolved, that this branch of the Labor party wholeheartedly endorse the candidature of the U. F. A. candidate, Carl Axelson, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to elect him.

And we hereby call upon all workers of this constituency to loyally support the "Farmers' candidate."



# Greetings and Good Wishes From Florida for Success of U.F.A. in Coming Election

"Remain True to Your Colors", is Message of George F. Peak, U. F. A. Veteran of Fourteen Years' Service, in Letter From Distant State—U. F. A. Never Loses a Real Convert, and the More Office Seekers Are Really Wounded Out

To the Editor of "The U. F. A." and fellow members of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A.:

Having so recently been affiliated with you, and being now separated by many hundreds of miles, I look forward with much pleasure to the coming of our paper, "The U. F. A." The efforts of the two old parties to create dissension among the voters is really amusing. They have been preaching for two or three years that the U. F. A. was dead, and I expect about half the people in Alberta believed it; but of course those who know anything of the teachings and principles of the movement have felt no doubt of its strength, and final victory.

## NEVER LOSE A REAL CONVERT

We know our strength from the fact that we never lose a convert to the old parties; to be sure many have come into our fold seeking office, got disappointed and gone back to the folds of their old parties, howling. The fact of the matter was that they were merely disguised in sheep's clothing.

However, they are easily detected and easily wounded out, by refusing them office.

## NEVER DOUBTED AFTER FIRST READINGS

The principles of the U. F. A. are sound and Mr. Wood is a great teacher; and there has never been the slightest doubt in my mind of the eternal life of this movement from the time I first made a study of his teachings. It is democracy itself; there is no democracy in reality otherwise, and it is the plain duty of every man and woman and child in Alberta today to be studios and at least investigate for themselves the teachings of H. W. Wood.

But Mr. Wood is deep. In fact, one needs to study his writings. In my own case, I often read after him and say, Why, that's grand, good, and very plain; then lay the article aside and read it over later; and as there are many things I didn't see before. So, to know Mr. Wood and his teachings one must study them and read and re-read them.

All great men are deep, and many have written good instructions that were never understood till long years after they had passed over, and I feel that Mr. Wood's teachings will reveal principles and doctrines of democracy, far after he bids farewell to this life and steps out into that great beyond.

## WELL PAID FOR FOURTEEN YEARS' EFFORTS

I have lived fourteen years in Alberta and have given much time and effort to the U. F. A., and today I am most thankful that I did my bit for the organization. I feel well paid in the results of the recent Provincial election, and I feel sure that Mr. Wood's doctrine of co-operation in Governmental affairs is destined to become a world movement. I see a great head of it here in Florida.

The record of the Farmers at Ottawa should leave no doubt in the minds of all Westerners in their selection of a member in the coming Federal election.

## FARMERS HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN

The record left in the trail of both old parties throughout the West, and especially the conduct exhibited at the general election last year in places in Alberta, such as irregularities at polls and certain polls having no ballots or boxes furnished them, have not been forgotten. Notably, such polls had shown heavy support for the U. F. A. in preceding elections. In summing up there is in the mind of every well-informed Western farmer a knowledge that we have been wilfully betrayed, and we have been taken for blockheads easily fooled and easily led, and we have retaliated and shown our resentment by daring to send a new group to Ottawa who stood on the square and have gained a reputation for integrity.

## ONLY PERSON WHO WILL BE DISAPPOINTED

The only people who will be disappointed by a solid U. F. A. group sent to Ottawa after the coming Federal election will be the Eastern manufacturer and capitalist. The only disappointment they will have will be that they cannot put through legislation to suit their own purposes and strangle the Western farmer by, for instance, the annulment of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement.

Nobody likes a "dare", and both old parties have repeatedly dared Alberta to send U. F. A. representatives to Ottawa. The Alberta farmers have repeatedly called their bluff, and my greatest desire is to see them call the bluff again and send more U. F. A. members to Ottawa.

Let me beg you, fellow members, to stand true to your colors and support your U. F. A. candidates.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. F. PEAK.

Hillman Avenue, Fort Lauderdale,  
Florida, August 3rd, 1936.

## Partyism Catspaw of Intolerance, Declares Thomas

Social Progress Mainly Due to Work of Enlightened Minorities—The U. F. A. Has Generated Mighty Forces for Social Betterment

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

In the issue of August 30th, Mr. Christie, of Eckville, pays tribute to my previous letter, for which I thank him very much. He appears to have received the impression, however, that I regard P. R. as a perfect system, and that I believe our political situation is done when we

have brought government and people closer together.

I did not mean it that way. I would like to point out that in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, the fifth city in the U. S. A., P. R., though a great improvement, has not eliminated either politics or prejudice. Evidently there is room for improvement here. I heartily endorse the belief that while the majority must rule, the minority must be heard. We shall never have truly representative Government until this is done.

## PARTY CATSPA W OF INTOLERANCE

Partyism is the catpaw of intolerance. Besides, most of our great social and political upheavals have been introduced and fostered by minorities struggling against prejudiced and intolerant majorities who have been almost invariably in the wrong. Then, it will be seen that the voice of the minority is a very important factor in the development of democracy. Of course, I do not believe that our mission is ended when the farmers have attained political power. Did I not say that we must not rest on our laurels and that our public servants must always be true and responsible to our economic organization, which is in a constant state of advancement?

When any political movement becomes self-satisfied it ceases to progress, and that is usually the beginning of the end. I mentioned our Government principally because, politics rightly considered, is the people's business, and so long as we choose to regard it as something above us and beyond our reach we shall never get anywhere in particular. But our economic group system is not, by any means, the last word in democratic improvement. It is only something better.

## SENSE OF SOCIAL JUDGMENT

I offer no apology for my assertion that the U. F. A. has created within its ranks a sense of social judgment that is capable of intelligent thought and action in the economic or political fields. Any person who is well versed in U. F. A. history or enjoyed the distinction of being a visitor or delegate to our 1934 Convention in Edmonton, as I was, and where our young people especially, made such a splendid impression upon all, will not deny this. Doubtless this sense of social judgment will some day be better developed and more thoroughly understood than at present, but I do not believe it will ever be perfect.

Respectfully yours,

HUGH B. THOMAS.

Edmonton, Alta.

## U. S. SPRING WHEAT

Unofficial estimates issued in the daily press place the total production of United States spring wheat this season at 775,000,000 bushels.

# WORK AND VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES



ROBERT GARDNER, FOR ACADIA



S. J. GARLAND, FOR BOW RIVER



M. E. SPENCER, FOR BATTLE RIVER



Wm. IRVING, FOR WETASKIWIN



M. LUCHKOVICH, FOR YEGREVILLE



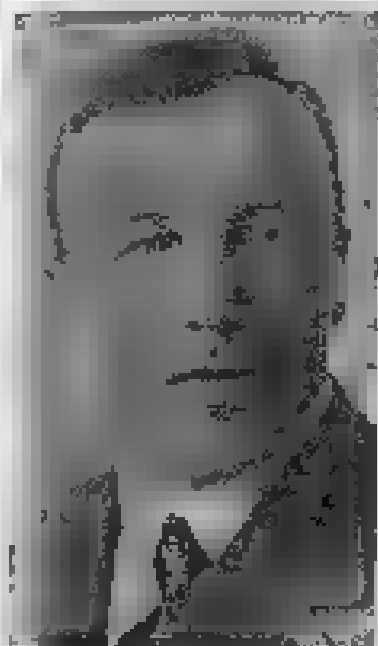
ALFRED SPEAKMAN, FOR RED DEER

In every constituency in Alberta where the rural vote predominates, candidates have been nominated by the U. F. A. Federal Constituency Associations. At every nominating Convention, the Declaration of Principles of the U. F. A. and the resolutions of the Calgary Conference have been adopted. The candidates have thus been pledged to independence of any political party whatsoever—Liberal, Conservative or Progressive—and to the maintenance of the identity of the U. F. A. group unit at Ottawa, whose members while directly responsible to the organization in the constituencies where they are elected, are also

as a group unit responsible to the Association as a whole and will be guided by the policies of the Annual Convention.

We therefore urge all members of the Association in all parts of the Province, to exert every effort to ensure the election of these representatives by large majorities on September 14th. If elected they will, while maintaining their identity, endeavor to co-operate with any party or group in the House of Commons in the advancement of constructive legislation. They will endeavor to ensure the stability of our Parliamentary institutions and the freeing of Parliament from the domi-

# SEND THE U.F.A. GROUP BACK TO OTTAWA WITH REINFORCEMENTS



D. M. KENNEDY FOR SASK. RIVER



D. S. COOTE, FOR MAGLEDD



D. F. McELMER FOR ATHABASCA



H. JELIFF FOR SOUTHERN



W. T. LUCAS FOR CANADIAN



H. B. ADAIR FOR EAST CALGARY  
(Last supported by U.F.A.)

... of the party machines, by pressing for the recognition of the supreme authority of the people's representatives—the House of Commons—to decide when Parliament shall be dissolved, within the statutory period of five years. By depriving the Prime Minister of the day of autocratic authority to dissolve Parliament at his own will, for purposes of party advantage, the adoption of the proposal in which U. F. A. members are committed by their acceptance of the nomination of the U. F. A. will bring about the only form of statutory which is consistent with the interests of the masses of the people of Canada.

H. B. Adair, the Labor candidate in East Calgary, who is supported by the U. F. A., is a worthy representative of a group whose interests and policies in the Federal Parliament have at all times been found in agreement with those of the U. F. A. representatives, since the U. F. A. group was first elected to Ottawa in 1921.

We regret that it has not been possible to procure a photograph of Carl Axelsson, nominalist of the U. F. A. in Medicine Hat, before going to press, but we urge all members of the Association in Medicine Hat constituency to support the U. F. A. candidate.

# "The U.F.A." Prize Contest for Best Article on Cooperative Store

Contest Open to All Members of the American Cooperative League.  
Prize Paid October 1st for the Best Article.

## No Backbiting From Garland in Bow River Campaign

Garland, Calgary, Sept. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Bow River campaign for the election of a new mayor of Calgary, Alberta, is being conducted by the Bow River Citizens' Association.

The Bow River Citizens' Association, which was organized last year, is now in the midst of its campaign for the election of a new mayor of Calgary. The association is headed by J. H. Garland, who is the president of the association. Garland is a well-known figure in Calgary and has been active in the community for many years. He is a member of the Bow River Citizens' Association and has been instrumental in the organization of the association. Garland is a member of the Bow River Citizens' Association and has been instrumental in the organization of the association. Garland is a member of the Bow River Citizens' Association and has been instrumental in the organization of the association.

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## U. F. A. Proposals Alone Can Make Possible Stable Government in Canada in Interests of People

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By the U. F. A. Proposals

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# Garland Describes Development Which Led to Group of Western Farmers Sitting in With Government to Draft Legislation

Why the Government Proposal That Farmer Members Should Enter Cabinet Was Rejected — Would Have Been Faithless to U. F. A. — The Lesson From Australia — A Few Comments On Certain Aspects of the Work of Last Session

The Liberals had drafted in the speech from the throne certain proposals exceedingly attractive to us. These were things for which we had been fighting for years, for which we had worked for four years in the House of Commons, and which the Liberals apparently had been unable to carry into effect. Now some very innocent people are under the impression that this was a Liberal program. Now don't think that the Liberal Government would ever have brought in that program if they had not had to depend for support on a group of Western farmers.

The proof was given by both Liberal and Conservative speakers, as shown by the record of Hansard.

Mr. Charles H. Cahoon, Conservative, said (Hansard, p. 170), "I regard certain paragraphs of that speech prepared by the leader of the Government and his colleagues, as an effort to obtain the support of members of the Progressive group who were elected to oppose him, by offering them as a class special inducements."

Co-operation meant that a group of Western farmers went over and sat in with a Cabinet of the Liberal party. In the Prime Minister's own office, and there, in consultation, we pondered into form the legislative program for the session. Did any of you ever dream that a political party could be brought to that condition?

## WHY WE DIDN'T ENTER CABINET

Why didn't we enter the Cabinet? And go further with our responsibility? We told them, as far as that is concerned, we will help with all our intelligence, and all our voting strength. Anything more than that would be coalition, would mean that representatives would have to enter the Cabinet and so lose their identity. They would cease to be members of our group and would hold responsibility solely to the Cabinet.

Let me illustrate by relating an occurrence in Australia. In 1922 there were 23 Nationalists elected, high protectionists; 23 Laborites, 17 of the Country Party. The Country Party are analogous to the Progressive party, established for the purpose of helping to offset the growing urban domination on the one hand and the increased protective tariff and high cost of living on the other. In short, on broad general principles their reasons were not dissimilar to those of the Progressives. They had not yet reached the basis of the U. F. A. in this Province. The Country Party was sought for to cooperate. They said, No, Hughes has been defeated, we cannot co-operate with a defeated Premier. So the Nationalists replaced Hughes with Bruce and a coalition was effected. The Country Party having four seats in the Cabinet, and with this result; they lost their identity.

We print below a number of extracts from the speech delivered by E. J. Garland at the Bow River Convention. Mr. Garland shows clearly that, as a direct result of the passing of the balance of power into the hands of the Farmer and Labor members, it was possible to obtain in 1922 the best program of legislation of a progressive character which has ever passed through the House. The greater part of this program was destroyed when Mr. Meighen, after forming an irregular "shadow" Cabinet, and finding it impossible to carry on under such conditions, dissolved the House, deliberately sacrificing the legislation.

From the time when Mr. Meighen formed the "shadow" Cabinet, instead of following the proper procedure by adjourning the House and holding the by-elections necessary to secure the return of his Ministers to Parliament, there was no possibility of completing the legislative program, because the Liberals had decided to block all business. If the motion declaring the Meighen Government not properly constituted had been defeated, the Liberals were prepared to obstruct in any event until Mr. Meighen could be forced to resign. Thus, whether the Farmer members had voted for or against the Robt motion, the program of the session would still have been destroyed, as a sacrifice to the spirit and methods of partyism. This matter is dealt with by Mr. Coote, elsewhere in this issue.

and their principles and when the last Federal election came on it was found that the only thing they had retained were their 17 seats, and they were retained by sufferance, the Nationalists not nominating against them. This is very interestingly related in Duffin's "Under Southern Skies." The only thing they had gained by coalition was that they had become the servants of the major party and had had to obey its behests.

## WOULD HAVE BEEN FAITHLESS TO U. F. A.

There were other matters, other causes of course, which prevented our doing that, chief among these being that it would have been faithless to our organization. On our basis of open co-operation, all of you have read in the press probably the letter which we gave to the public immediately after the co-operation was effected, in which the principal paragraphs were just these two: "The basis of co-operation must be legislative and consultation is essential. Coalition or fusion is not contemplated." In passing it is interesting to note that several Cabinet ministers present were dissatisfied with that last expression.

We were not satisfied with the speech from the throne. It was not enough. And so we undertook to bring forward on our own responsibility further legislation—Old Age Pensions. If you reach 70 years of age (and although you live, brick young farmers may now be making much money, many at seventy find it difficult to make a living), if you have been twenty years in Canada and three years in the Province, then you would be entitled to \$20 a month for as long as you could live on it. It was a wonderfully magnificent scheme to put forward for those who have worn themselves out in productive life in Canada. It is common to see men, fishermen, farmers and others, either work until they drop dead in their tracks, or are dependent upon their children or charitable institutions.

## KILLED BY POLITICAL PENSIONERS IN SENATE

Yet when that mongre piece of legislation, that pitiable little sop sent forward to that august body, the Senate, sitting in a chamber carpeted and hung with wine-colored velvet, that body of bright gleaming genies of Canada, they said, "Oh, so, that will develop a race of thrifless young people, because they will not have to provide for their old age." A group of old gentlemen sitting in the seat of absolute power in Canada, who have no real conception of public needs, of the real economic requirements of this country; these men come out and say that this may develop thriflessness by allowing the young men and women to have some money to spend on themselves, whereas if they had to keep their fathers and their mothers and their grandfathers and grandmothers, they would have to work harder and spend less. And that excuse for injustice came from the grand old body of political pensioners of the Dominion, men who themselves, not necessary for the purposes of performing any great service to Canada, but because they have been faithful servants of political parties, are retired on a pension of \$4000 a year, not \$20 a month.

## A SERIOUS INJUSTICE TO BRITISH CITIZENS

Some years ago in Edmonton, I remember the Convention rose to protest against a war injustice, an injustice that struck so deeply at British rights that although the protest emanated from Labor in the cities, the Farmers supported them. Amendments had been made in the war years, providing that in the event of an immigration official or a mounted policeman, forming a suspicion that even a British subject had been guilty of sedition, the British subject was liable to deportation, on the word of a man who may have been prejudiced, who may have had a spite.

The amendment removing this injus-

the bill passed the House several times and again went through this year, and went to the Senate, and again it was destroyed by that august body of gentlemen, justice-seeking gentlemen.

#### SOLDIERS' REVALUATION BILL ENTIRELY FRUIT OF U. F. A.

Soldiers' Settlement Lands Re-valuation. No Cabinet minister had a single constructive thought to suggest on this matter. That whole bill was the complete and entire fruit of the U. F. A. group. Every bit of it. It was the result of three years of work. It went to the Senate again. It was, as you know, destroyed by the dissolution.

#### BORN BUDGET AND LUXURY TAX

In regard to the Robt-budget, the great feature was the great reduction on the automobile tariff. That was brought about by the work of the Farmer members, and particularly by George Coote. Last year the Liberal party opposed his resolution, with the Conservatives. Now then, was it that they suddenly had such a great change of heart? Just one year later they not only accepted the principle, but brought in a 15 per cent.

### WHICH KIND OF STABLE GOVERNMENT DO YOU WISH TO HAVE?

No session of the House of Commons has ever so clearly demonstrated the value of your movement, the need for it, as the last session did. There you had two political parties claiming to stand for stable government, each of them doing everything possible to make unstable the Government of the country. There can only be stable government in Canada in the future under one of two conditions. A modification of the rules of the House of Commons to meet the existence of groups, or a party so large that you will have to take whatever they give you. Now which do you want? If there is one thing that has convinced me more than anything else that there is nothing wrong in this movement, and that it is the movement which leads the only hope to the intelligent electorate of Canada, it is the last session of Parliament.

out, and say, "Now see what we have done; now put us on the back."

Then towards the end Mr. Robt slipped over one of his pleasant little tricks, the rebate of luxury tax on cars manufactured in Canada. No one, not in Ottawa, can have any idea of the pressure brought to bear. Delegations of employers, trainloads of employees. Mr. Robt reduced the tariff, but he kept protection fairly strong still. He remitted the luxury tax 6 per cent, which makes

the actual reduction 9 per cent., because a letter was read in the House of Commons to the effect that if the Government would duly grant them this reduction in luxury tax, they would pledge their word to pass it on to the consumer. We let it go through on the distinct understanding that if the automobile manufacturers failed to keep their word not only would the luxury tax be brought back, but the tariff be reduced.

# Free House of Commons Would Not Have Plunged Dominion Into Election In Midst of Harvest Season

**M. B. Adair, Candidate for East Calgary, in Presenting Views on National Issues, Lays Stress on Necessity  
for Placing in House of Commons Power to Decide When General Election Shall Be Held—Would End  
Autocratic Power Now Exercised By Premier to Drag in Private Members—Labor  
Candidate Is Pioneer Homesteader of Alberta**

To the Electors in the Rural Districts of  
East Calgary:

Friends:—

It is quite probable that during this campaign I shall not be able either to speak to you all in public meetings or to meet you all personally, so I am making this appeal by letter for your support, telling you a little of my history in Alberta, and also stating where I stand in regard to political questions. This, I hope, will both satisfy you and also secure your support at the polls.

#### PIONEERING ON A BRUSH HOMESTEAD

I came to Alberta in 1896 (twenty-eight years ago), and settled with my family on a brush homestead about nine miles northwest of Olds, and for a time I taught school in that district. You will remember, those of you who were here, that we had a series of wet years beginning in 1899. At that time, before we had built the house for my family, we lived in a sod-roofed shack, where it rained inside, a dark brown rain, long after it had ceased raining outside. A pair of horses and two cows and a wagon were all our own capital could afford. Cutting brush, pulling roots and milking a few cows were our chief agricultural occupations for a few years. I joined the Society of Equity, which afterwards became the U. F. A., by amalgamation with the Alberta Farmers' Association.

In politics I stood then, as I stand now, for lower tariffs on all our agricultural machinery and other means of production and necessities of life. I supported co-operative stores, which, as you

know, passed through very trying experiences. In 1921 I ran as an Independent Farmer candidate in Calgary, but lost out.

#### LABOR GAVE BEST HELP TO FARMERS AT OTTAWA

At the present time I am the Labor candidate for East Calgary, and am receiving the whole-hearted support of the U. F. A., which body I addressed a short time ago at the East Calgary Convention. I have been interested to learn from U. F. A. members who have been in the House of Commons for the last five years, that ever since 1921, when the U. F. A. gained its first successes in the Federal field, the U. F. A. and Labor members at Ottawa have been able to work in closer co-operation than any other groups. They have found in Federal affairs, that these two groups have a common interest in promoting legislation for the benefit of the masses of the people of Canada. The Farmers and Labor shared in opposing the Robt budget, which, I think, was the best we have had. Mr. R. J. Garland, the distinguished member for Bow River, announced at the Calgary U. F. A. Local recently that there had never been a clash of interest between the two groups at Ottawa, but that on the contrary, the Labor members had given stronger support to legislation promoted by the U. F. A. in the interests of the farming people, than any other members in the House had done.

#### SUPPORT CANDIDATES NEAREST THEIR PLATFORM

As you know, the Liberals decided not to run a candidate in this election, but

to give their support to the candidate whose policy is nearest to their platform. I am receiving support from Liberals and also from Conservatives who feel that I can give East Calgary the best representation at Ottawa.

The hearty support of the U. F. A. and of the other citizens whom I have mentioned, I welcome and very much appreciate. I am, of course, not obligated to support either of the political parties in Parliament, if I am elected, but shall be a member of the Labor group, and believe that my knowledge of the problems of the farmer will enable me to work at all times in close sympathy with the representatives of agriculture, and all who place the interests of the people above the interests of party. I believe that what is good for the farmer is good for business and labor.

#### MY STAND ON NATIONAL ISSUES

I stand for reduction of the tariff (including lower tariff on automobiles), for no tampering with the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement; for the "Campbell" amendment to the Grain Act, which will give the farmer the right to choose the terminal elevator to which his grain shall be shipped. I stand also for Long Term Rural Credits; for Reform of the Senate; for Old Age Pensions; and for repeal of the deportation provisions of the Immigration Act so that any citizen shall be given a fair trial in accordance with the principles of British justice and fair play, instead of being at the mercy of any immigration official. Today immigration officials have power to deport

British subjects born outside of Canada, even though they may have lived here nearly all their lives. Every man and woman should have the right to a fair hearing in the courts.

#### NO EXPORT DUTY ON WHEAT

I am opposed to any form of export duty or embargo on Canadian wheat, as I am satisfied that the man who produces the wheat will pay any export duty that might be levied, and that this will be an injury to the farmer and business man and labor alike.

I also approve completely of the proposal to amend Parliamentary procedure to restore to Parliament the right of its members to state when it shall be dissolved (except at the end of the five years which is the life of Parliament by law). If the rules had required that the Prime Minister must have the sanction of the House of Commons before advising dissolution, there would have been no election this year and the Farmer members would certainly have prevented the election being held in harvest time.

#### SHOULD BE FREE TO VOTE IN HOUSE

I do not believe that there can be any "stable Government" which is safe for the people, until the people's representatives as a whole instead of the Prime Minister, have full power to say when an election can be held. The Prime Minister does not "hire" the members of the House of Commons. They are elected by the people to carry on the public business of Canada for five years, and the Prime Minister should not have power to "fire" them. Private members should be free to vote as their consciences dictate, without having the threat of dissolution held over their heads as a club, if they don't vote as the party in power requires.

If my knowledge of the problems of the farmer gained from hard experience, and the political views which I have set forth meet with your approval, I ask and appeal to you to support me on September 14th, by marking your ballot with a cross (X), (not a figure) opposite my name. Remember that any other mark, or one cross opposite the name of the candidate you wish to elect, will spoil your ballot. I thank you.

J. H. ARMSTRONG

Calgary, Sept. 17th.

#### LET US GIVE NOTICE ON SEPT. 14

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ade is for stability of government. Let us examine the question. This year we have one party pleading with us to restore them to power because of the constitutionality of some question and if it is this we are promised stable government. The other party holds up holy writ and prays that they may be given the preference and if they have an over-

whelming majority they will give us stable government. One brief year ago these self-same parties pleaded in exactly the same way. They had other issues then for the purposes of that campaign, but were equally rich with promises.

#### STRIKING CONTRAST WITH SHILLY-SHALLYING

In striking contrast to this shilly-shallying for power is the legislative record of the U. F. A. Here we have no periodical scrambling for an issue on which to base an oratorical appeal. Here we find no place for the demand that we must have an overwhelming majority to over-ride every consideration, and Mussolini-like, dictate terms of legislation.

"But", the parties cry, "we must have stability of government." In reply, we say, "we too endorse the sentiment." "We desire stability." "And to further that objective we shall send to Ottawa a group of men representing an industry literally almost as old and stable as the hills, and valleys, and plains, that we cultivate from year to year. Discard outworn rites and ceremonies; re-organize Parliamentary rules and usages; and permit the elected representatives of the people of this Dominion an opportunity to function in a great co-operative endeavor, to the end that every class, and every substantial interest may find a place, and plead its cause, and play a responsible part in perfecting our national structure."

To paraphrase the famous words of a famous English woman: "On Sept. 14th the U. F. A. expects every man, and every woman, to do his, and her, duty."

#### RESIGNATION OF SCRATCH DEMANDED BY GLEICHEN

The Board of the Gleichen U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association has demanded the resignation of A. C. Scratch, the president of the Association, in view of his acceptance of a candidature under the patronage of the Conservative party in opposition to the U. F. A. candidate, and of the unscrupulous character of the campaign which Mr. Scratch has been carrying on.

This decision was announced to "The U. F. A." on September 17th, by W. D. Trege, secretary of the Association.

The campaign in Mr. Scratch's behalf, and especially the numerous untrue statements which, unless the press reports are incorrect, he has been making in the constituency, have aroused keen resentment among the farmers. With Mr. Scratch's sanction, and bearing his name, there has been circulated an election card bearing the words, "A. C. Scratch opposes Garland because Garland joined Bourassa to deprive Alberta of her Natural Resources."

The statement is of course, palpably false. As indicated by Mr. Brownlee in the telegram published last week, and by Mr. Garland's colleagues, Mr. Garland gave, in conjunction with the other members, all the assistance that could possibly have been given to the Provincial Government in reference to this matter, and had nothing whatever to do with any change in the agreement.



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